



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6462

LCO No. 3506



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND THE DUTIES
OF THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2014, the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, established
3 pursuant to section 17b-400 of the general statutes, shall develop a plan
4 to expand the State Ombudsman's oversight to home and community-
5 based care recipients beginning with a pilot program in Hartford
6 County not later than July 1, 2014.
- 7 (b) The State Ombudsman, working in consultation with the
8 Commissioner on Aging, shall convene a working group of (1)
9 consumers receiving home and community-based care, (2) providers of
10 such care, (3) representatives of state agencies overseeing delivery of
11 such care, and (4) staff of the Office of the Long-Term Care
12 Ombudsman.
- 13 (c) The working group shall (1) conduct research into best practices
14 nation-wide for response to complaints of abuse and neglect filed by

15 recipients of home and community-based care, (2) develop training to
16 respond to such complaints for regional ombudsmen appointed
17 pursuant to section 17b-400 of the general statutes, and (3) identify
18 funding sources to expand oversight of the State Ombudsman from
19 long-term care facilities, as defined in section 17b-400 of the general
20 statutes, to home and community-based care.

21 (d) The State Ombudsman shall submit legislative
22 recommendations to implement the pilot program to the joint standing
23 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
24 relating to aging and human services not later than February 1, 2014.

25 Sec. 2. Section 17b-403 of the general statutes is amended by adding
26 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

27 (NEW) (c) On and after July 1, 2014, the State Ombudsman's duties,
28 as described in this section, shall expand to include a pilot program
29 serving recipients of home and community-based care in Hartford
30 County.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-403

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to expand the oversight of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to recipients of home and community-based services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]